## <u>REMARKS</u> ,

Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the Group I claims, i.e., claims 1-15 drawn to a fibrous mat.

Claims 16-20 are cancelled herein. Applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application on the cancelled claims.

In view of this response, this application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Notice of Allowance or early action to that end is earnestly solicited.

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